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A SMALL TREATISE

Writ by one of the

True Christian FAITH;

WHO

Believes in GOD and in his Son JESUS CHRIST.

Acts 24. 14. *After the way which Men call Heresie, so worship I the God of my Fathers, Believing all things which are writ-in the Law and the Prophets.* ——

Psalm 78. 1. *What I have heard and known, and our Fathers have declared we will not hide from our Children, but to the Generation to come we will shew forth the Praise of the Lord; his Power also, and his wonderful Works that he hath done, and declare it to our Children, that they may set their hope in God; and forget not the Works of God, but keep his Commandments.*

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THis ſmall Treatiſe is given forth by one who hath not deſigned to inſinuated into any Man's favour, nor willingly to offend, but deſires to follow Peace with all Men; having in the ſight of the All-ſeeing God declared what I have ſeen, and what I have heard and received by the Word of Life; not boaſtingly, but in ſimplicity of Heart; and whoever ſows in that Ground, ſhall find encreaſe: They that ſow in the Hypocritical ground, to be ſeen of Men, ſhall in Harveſt reap a poor and barren Crop; but thoſe that have in ſincerity followed the Lord their God, and have gon on weeping, bearing Precious Seed, ſhall come again rejoyceing, bringing their Sheavs with them, with ſuch I have mourned, and with ſuch I now rejoyce, and have not conſulted with Fleſh and Blood nor earthly advantage, but with many of my dear Friends have wreſtled with the good Angel until the day dawn, and the Day-Star ariſe in our Hearts, and hath not let him go until he hath bleſſed us; and of that Stone have made a Pillar, and he was there though we knew it not, and have not received theſe things by Tradition, though born of good Parents (though of another perſwaſion) yet could not

my Heart be ſatisfied but thirſted, to know the True and Living God, who hath fully ſatisfied me, of whom I asked the true Bread, and he hath not deceived me, nor given me a Serpent inſtead of a Fiſh, but like a good Father hath given me that Bread which daily nouriſheth my Soul; Bleſſed are all thoſe that have a part in the firſt Reſurrection, on ſuch the ſecond Death ſhall have no power.

It is not to the Rich nor the full, but to those that are asking the way to Sion with their Faces thitherward, to whom I thus write.

THE Lord having given to Man a Measure of his Spirit to profit withal, hath by his Son the Light of the World knocked at the Door of our Hearts, to whom we opened, and let him in, and he is become our Salvation; and all those that fight against this his Blessed Appearance, and will not that he should rule over them, he will come in an hour that they look not for him, and give them their portion with Hypocrites and Unbelievers.

Having beheld many good Men casting their gift into the Treasury, I of my little cast in my Mite, which I would not through negligence omit any thing wherein I might serve the Lord, his Truth and People; believing it my Duty, having found that satisfaction and rest to my travelling Soul, that I could not find by all my undertakings, though I sought them sincerely in visible things; until I turned into the Word of God in the Heart, and by the light thereof saw to sweep my own House, wherein I found the lost Piece, *Luke* 15. 9. the Pearl of great Price, the little Leaven hid in three measures of Meal, and the Parable therein truly opened, and thereby have learned to know the true God, and Jesus Christ whom he

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hath ſent; which to know is Life Eternal, which leads into the Kingdom of Reſt and Peace; and am ſo well ſatisfied with the truth thereof, that I may ſay with *Paul*, if an Angel from Heaven ſhould Preach any other Doctrin, I could not receive it: Though I have met with many Tryals and Temptations in the way, yet none ſo great as to cauſe me to queſtion the truth thereof, when I have beheld many to fall on the Right Hand, and on the left, and many go back again, I was preſerved, and firmly fixed, and grounded on the Rock, which Rock is Chriſt, and he is my King, Prieſt, and Prophet and hath led me through diſpenſations, and adminiſtrations, and hath brought me to praiſe his Name in the Land of the Living, and in this we rejoyce, notwithſtanding the fury of Men, well knowing from what Spirit it comes, even the ſame that called the Son of God a Devil, a Blaſphemer, a Friend to Publicans, and Sinners, a breaker of the Law, and his Apoſtles, turners of the World upſide down, *Acts* 17. 6. and as he was then, ſo are we, accounted by ſome as deceivers, yet true, though called *Hereticks*, Worſhiping the God of our Fathers, Believing the Law and the Prophets, and in Jeſus Chriſt the Son of God, and in the Anointing, which he promiſed to ſend, and he hath ſent, and we have received it, and the ſufficiency whereof we have experienced, and is become our Teacher ſufficient to guide into all Truth: This is the Day he Promiſed, which many deſired to ſee, but ſaw it not; and many might have ſeen, but have rejected the Lord of Life; and like the

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Dog returned to the Vomit, and as the Sow once washed, to the wallowing in the Mire; and think to cover themselves by laying open what they judge the weakness, or infirmities of others, and make Men offenders for words, and make their own perverse Constructions thereof, and not what they intended that writ or spake them; but if some were so weak as they have Represented them, shall not every one Answer for himself? But the Innocent, and many who were not then Born, must be Charged therewith. O ye workers of Iniquity, your strength in the Arm of Flesh shall not secure you; for he against whom you are risen is too mighty for you, to whom all must bow; though he is great in Mercy, yet just in Judgment, and will judge the Secrets of all Hearts, by Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who with his Spiritual Eyes sees through all carnal imaginations of Mens Traditions and Imitations, and will get himself a Name above all, Lord of Lords, who in the time of Ignorance winked at these things; but now he looks that all should come to the knowledge of his Son, who gives unto his Children to know the God of *Abraham* and his Seed; that he will bring them to the Land of Promise; who raised up his Servant *Moses* to go before *Israel*, and delivered them (out of the Hand of *Pharaoh* and his *Task-Masters*) who passed through the Sea, and came into the Wilderness, and there wandred, and murmured, as some have done in our day, and have gon round until they came near the Place where they came in, some went forward toward the good Land, and brought an evil

vil Report thereof, but praiſed be God who hath raiſed up a Spirit of Courage, as was in *Joſuah* and *Caleb*, and they preſs forwards toward the good Land, and have entred the Borders thereof, and found it as God Promiſed, a Land following with all good things; of which, whoever have taſted, it is beyond all carnal apprehenſions or Imaginations, which if the Heart be filed therewith, it muſt be emptied. All that would know the True God, in the Heavenly ſtill Voice, and the Prophet, of which *Moſes* ſaid the Lord your God ſhall raiſe up, him ſhall you hear, and him we do hear, and have Learned ſubjection to his Will thereby, as well knowing, all things work together for good: And have this to ſay to all true Chriſtian Friends, be of good Courage, fear not the Reproach of Men, there is nothing come to paſs but what was for a Tryal for us, and what I ſaid once I may ſay again, it is a Cloud God ſuffereth to riſe, and the Wind ſhall blow away the Chaff, but he will gather the Wheat thereby nearer together; this I know to be a certain truth, by which my Heart hath been ſtrengthned, and ſo I have by this Prophetical Dream, which I had many years ago, when I had no thought or ſuſpicion of what is ſince come to paſs. Which was as followeth,

I with ſome of my Chriſtian Friends, was fallen into their Hands who had been of the ſame Profeſſion, but they were changed into ſo cruel a Nature, as I thought I never ſaw the like; for, for my Friends I was grieved more than for my ſelf, but they were taken out of my ſight, and I left